**DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below at 201 et seq. beneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural names are listed at 201 et seq. below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled in:

**COUPLING FOR COUPLING TWO DEVICES
AND METHOD FOR USING THE COUPLING**

and for which a patent application:

- ☒ is attached hereto and includes amendment(s) filed on _____ (if applicable)
☐ was filed in the United States on as Application No. _____ (declaration not accompanying application) with amendment(s) filed on _____ (if applicable)
☐ was filed as PCT international Application No. _____ on _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION			
APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
PCT/DK01/00529	Denmark	August 8, 2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.


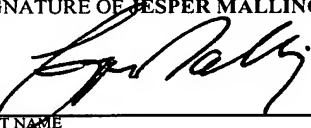
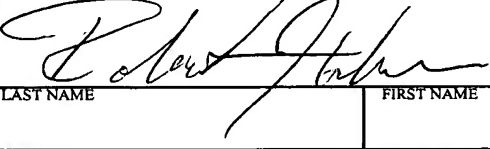
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	STATUS		
		PATENTED	PENDING	ABANDONED
PCT/DK02/00197	March 23, 2002		X	

* for use only when the application is assigned to a company, partnership or other organization.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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		SIGNATURE OF ROBERT AXELSSON 		DATE 06 FEB. 2004	
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Lasse HESSEL et al

Application No.:

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For: COUPLING FOR COUPLING TWO DEVICES
AND METHOD FOR USING THE COUPLING

Attorney Docket No.: 81421-4037

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE
AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application hereby appoints Allan A. Fanucci (Reg. No. 30,256) of WINSTON & STRAWN (Customer No. 28765) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please direct all correspondence for this application to Customer No. 28765 to the attention of Allan A. Fanucci (telephone (212) 294-3311, facsimile (212) 294-4700).

An assignment of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application is submitted herewith for recording.

BIOTAP A/S

Signature:

Lasse L. Hessel

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LASSE L. HESSEL

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9/02/2004

{WORDWIDE RIGHTS}
ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE,

Lasse L HESSEL, a citizen of Denmark
residing at Rantzausmindevej 20, DK-5700 Svendborg;

Jesper MALLING, a citizen of Denmark
residing at Østre Havnevej 25, DK-5700 Svendborg; and

Robert AXELSSON, a citizen of Sweden
residing at Högaberg 30, S-563 91 Gränna

ASSIGNORS, are the inventors of the invention in **(COUPLING FOR COUPLING TWO DEVICES AND METHOD FOR USING THE COUPLING)**, for which an application for a Patent of the United States which we have executed is attached hereto.

and WHEREAS, **BIOTAP A/S** a Danish company having a place of business at Østre Havnevej 25, DK-5700 Svendborg, ASSIGNEE is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date 9/2/2004, 2004

On 9/2/2004, 2004, before me, [Signature], Witness, appeared, **Lasse L HESSEL**, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

Date 9/2/2004, 2004

Witness

TOVE B. HESSEL
RANTZAUSMINDEVEJ 111
5700 SVENDBORG

Date [Signature], 2004

On 9/2/2004, 2004, before me, Tone Lissel, Witness, appeared, **Jesper MALLING** to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

Date 9/2/2004, 2004

Witness

Date 6/2, 2004

On [Signature], 2004, before me, MARIANNE HOLME, Witness, appeared, **Robert AXELSSON** to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed.

Date 6/2, 2004

Witness

[Signature]



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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
[37 CFR 1.27(a)(2) - Small Business Concern]

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act
in behalf of the concern identified below:

BIOTAP A/S
Østre Havnevej 25
DK-5700 Svendborg

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the person employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern and/or there is an obligation under contract or law by the inventor(s) to convey rights to the small business concern with regard to the invention entitled **COUPLING FOR COUPLING TWO DEVICES AND METHOD FOR USING THE COUPLING** by *Lasse L HESSEL, Jesper MALLING, and Robert AXELSSON*, described in

- ☐ the specification filed herewith
☐ application no. _____ filed _____
☐ patent no. _____ issued _____

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(1) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(3).

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 CFR 1.27 (g)]

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, and patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

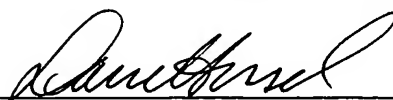
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*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities.